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BILL TO EXTEND AND EXPAND LSCA

Senator Donald Russell of South Carolina is among the 52 senators—representing 40 states—who have joined Senator Lister Hill in proposing a bill (S-3076) for the extension of LSCA. Because of Senator Hill's recognized role in the Senate as the original sponsor of the Library Services Act and his continuous and vigorous support of appropriations to carry out the program, it seems likely that the bill as finally enacted will be close to this version.

The bi-partisan bill which is sponsored by more than a majority of the total Senate is a compromise between the limited bill recommended by the Administration and the comprehensive bill introduced by Senator Javits.

This new Senate bill includes four principal Titles:

Title I - Public Library Services, authorizing \$35 million for the fiscal year 1967, and for each of the next four fiscal years such sums as Congress may determine. As in the present Act, matching-grant funds may be used for books and other library materials, library equipment, salaries, and other operating expenses.

Title II - Public Library Construction, authorizing \$40 million for fiscal year 1967, and for each of the next four fiscal years such sums as Congress may determine. A new feature proposed by this bill is that the Federal share of the expenses of administering Title II programs would be paid out of Title II allotments rather than deducted from Title I funds as the existing LSCA authorizes.

Title III - Interlibrary Cooperation, authorizing \$5 million for fiscal year 1967; \$7.5 million, fiscal year 1968; \$10 million, fiscal year

1969; \$12.5 million, fiscal year 1970; and \$15 million, fiscal year 1971. This section inserts a new title in the LSCA for the establishment and maintenance of local, regional, State, or interstate cooperative networks of libraries.

Title IV - Specialized State Library Services. This is also a new Title, and is designed to assist the States in providing greatly needed specialized State Library services. It is in two parts;

Part A - State Institutional Library Services, authorizing \$5 million for fiscal year 1967; \$7.5 million, fiscal year 1968; \$10 million, fiscal year 1969; \$12.5 million, fiscal year 1970; and \$15 million, fiscal year 1971. The basic purpose of this part is to extend the benefits of public library service to those persons who are unable, because of their institutional confinement, to use regular community library facilities.

Part B - State Plans for Library Services to the Physically Handicapped, authorizing \$3 million for fiscal year 1967; \$4 million, fiscal year 1968; \$5 million, fiscal year 1969; \$6 million, fiscal year 1970; and \$7 million for fiscal year 1971. This part would authorize payments to states for five years to encourage the establishment or improvement of library services to the physically handicapped, including the blind and the visually handicapped.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

In view of the expansion of the provisions of the Library Services and Construction Act, on March 31 the State Library Board called a meeting of a group of librarians and trustees to discuss new programs for continuing improvement in the quality of library service in South Carolina. Acting as an advisory committee, the group made specific recommendations for the use of LSCA funds during the 1966-67 fiscal year.

County librarians attending the meeting were Josephine Crouch and Margie Herron, ABBE Regional Library; Emily Sanders, Charleston County Library, Charles E. Stow, Greenville County Library; Frances B. Reid, Spartanburg County Library; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Florence County Library; Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Horry County Memorial Library; Elizabeth L. Porcher, Greenwood City and County Public Library; Patricia Mercer, Lancaster County Library; and Mrs. Hagood Bostick and Mrs. William A. Foran, Richland County Public Library.

Miss Jean Galloway, Greenville, Chairman of the Trustees Section, S. C. Library Association, represented the section at the conference.

NOTABLE QUOTE

Good books are to the young what the warming sun and refreshing rain of spring are to the seeds which have lain dormant in the frosts of winter.

———— Horace Mann

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week will be observed April 17-23 throughout South Carolina. Mrs. Robert E. McNair, wife of the Governor of South Carolina, is Honorary State Chairman and Laura Smith Ebaugh of Greenville is 1966 Executive Director for the event. Public, school, college, church, and professional libraries will participate with special programs and exhibits to highlight the many services offered by libraries.

Members of the South Carolina Library Week Committee are: Miss Ebaugh; Mr. and Mrs. J. Perrin Anderson of Ninety Six; Mr. and Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch of Sullivan's Island; Miss Jean Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Magill of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Hough of Lancaster; Major General J. M. Master, Sr., Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot at Parris Island; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Norton of Walhalla; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rowntree of Johnsonville; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. M. Wiggins of Hartsville; and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Graydon of Columbia.

Miss Ebaugh has appointed a chairman outstanding for interest and support of libraries in each county.

Louise Marcum, Chairman of the Public Library Committee, NLW, has prepared and distributed a leaflet suggesting displays for the week.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD RETAINS CONSULTANT

Edna E. Bothe, who recently retired from the position of Director of Field Service of the Missouri State Library, has been retained as a consultant to advise the State Library Board in the strengthening and improvement of the Board's field service program. Miss Bothe will be in the state from March 28 through April 8 to observe and study field activities and library development. As a part of her work, she will visit a representative group of public libraries including Fairfield, Lancaster, Greenwood, Newberry-Saluda, Lee, Florence, Calhoun, Orangeburg, Charleston, and Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield county and regional libraries.

SLB STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND DREXEL CONFERENCE

Lois Barbare, Technical Services Librarian, and Mrs. Frances C. Stuart, Cataloger, of the State Library Board will visit Philadelphia, April 13-15.

On April 13 they will study the book catalog of the Free Library of Philadelphia. April 14-15 Miss Barbare and Mrs. Stuart will attend a conference on Library Technical Processes at the Graduate School of Library Services of Drexel Institute of Technology. Director of the Conference is Andrew D. Osborne, Professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate Library School.

REFERENCE CONSULTANT ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant of the State Library Board, attended a three-day invitational conference at Columbia University in New York City last week. The conference, co-sponsored by the Reference Services Division of the American Library Association, was on the present status and future prospects of reference-information service. Among the objectives of the conference was the development of guidelines to help reference librarians and information specialists to analyze the present state of information service at all levels and in all types of service areas and to assess the place and structure of information service in library systems of the future. Speakers at the conference included Verner W. Clapp, President of the Council on Library Resources, Inc.; John G. Lorenz, Deputy Librarian, The Library of Congress; and Dr. Emmanuel G. Mesthene, Executive Director of the University Program on Technology and Society, Harvard University.

S. C. LIBRARIANS ATTEND EMORY WORKSHOP

Betty Callaham and Norma Lightsey from the State Library Board staff and eight South Carolina public librarians attended the two workshops on Personnel Utilization for public librarians sponsored by the Emory University Division of Librarianship, February 24-26 and March 10-12. Those attending the February workshop were Annie Frances Blackman, Extension Librarian, Anderson County; Mrs. Phil D. Huff, Librarian, Laurens County Library; Elizabeth Porcher, Librarian, Greenwood City and County Public Library; Frances Reid, Librarian, Spartanburg County Library; and Miss Callaham. Those attending the March session were Rachel Ellis, Extension Librarian, and Margaret Mosimann, Deputy Librarian, Charleston County Library; Charles Stow, Librarian, Greenville County Library; Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, Librarian, Florence County Library; and Miss Lightsey.

Conducted by Jewel C. Hardkopf, librarian-management consultant, the workshops were designed to inform library administrators in methods of analyzing work done by their staff and the proper use of professional and non-professional employees.

This series, attended by librarians from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, was arranged by Venable Lawson, recently appointed director of the Emory Division of Librarianship. Mr. Lawson described the workshops as a part of a continuing program for professional librarians being planned by Emory. He announced that a four-week Institute on Library Management would be conducted by Miss Hardkopf during the summer of 1967. Any suggestions for future workshops which would contribute to the continuing education of professional librarians would be welcomed, he said.

HELP! HELP!

Please address all mail to the State Library Board to 1001 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Use of the Cornell Arms address delays delivery for several days.

REFERENCE WORKSHOP

Thirty-eight pre-professional librarians from the Piedmont area of South Carolina attended the two-day reference workshop held at the Greenville County Library on February 24 and 25. Participants represented the Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, and Spartanburg county libraries.

Sponsored by the State Library Board in cooperation with the Greenville County Library, the workshop was conducted by staff members of SLB. Instructors were Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant, and Helen L. Jordan, Professional Assistant. It was intended that instruction be helpful to those librarians participating in the SLB's Branch Reference Project; therefore, material covered was taken from the Small Libraries Project suggested list of reference books. Special areas included biography, literature, history, and science. Both specialized and general reference tools, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, and handbooks were also discussed.

Workshop participants are reminded that the take-home practical examination which was distributed at the workshop is due at the State Library Board by April 11. All examinations will be graded and returned, along with an answer sheet, to individual participants after that date.

JAYCEE GOOD READING EXHIBIT

The Jaycee Good Reading Exhibit, sponsored by the State Library Board, will be on display in the headquarters of the Pickens County Library in Easley and in the branches, March 28-April 9.

During February and March the exhibit was rotated among the libraries in the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Region.

The purpose of the exhibit is to encourage the improvement of home, public, and school libraries. It provides an opportunity to examine a sample collection of 400 outstanding juvenile books and 100 paper bound books especially chosen for young adults.

The books were selected by a committee from the Children's and Young Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. The State Library Board is providing lists of the books for distribution to those visiting the exhibit.

The lists can serve both as a reading and a buying guide since the books are of the highest quality and cover a wide age and interest range.

BOOKMARKS AVAILABLE

The United States Playing Card Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45212, has attractive bookmarks, free, upon request. Indicate on the request the number of bookmarks desired.

SMOKEY BEAR IN FLORIDA

In 1955 the South Carolina State Library Board and the South Carolina Forestry Commission originated a Smokey Bear Reading Club, emphasizing fire prevention and conservation. The idea was so successful and popular that it has been used by states throughout the country.

The Florida State Library Newsletter, March 1966, indicates that Florida is the latest state to sponsor a Smokey the Bear Reading Club. The Florida Commission of Forestry is also cooperating in this venture.

SUMTER PLANS NEW LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Sumter Carnegie Library has announced that the new headquarters for the county library will be built on property within the proposed civic center. The site was made possible by an urban renewal project and is adjacent to the business center. The fact that it is centrally located makes it a desirable location for the library. Ramon Schwartz, Chairman of the Board, said that construction on the \$400,000 building is expected to start within the next few months.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

The week of May 1-7, 1966, marks the 52nd annual observance of Be Kind to Animals Week, one of the oldest special weeks observed in the United States.

An official poster and other material are free on request from The American Humane Association, P. O. Box 1266, Denver, Colorado 80201.

The State Library Board has a limited supply of the booklist, "The Birds and The Beasts Were There," which was prepared for distribution in connection with the Animals in Art exhibit. If you would like to use the lists, they will be mailed in packages of 50 until the supply is exhausted.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTURBANCE

The NPL editor seems to have a mental block on the identities of Oconee and Pickens counties. In the March News for Public Libraries, Seneca was located in Pickens County. It is hereby returned with apologies to its rightful owner, Oconee.

MRS. LEON S. HOLLEY

Mrs. Leon S. Holley, Aiken, died on March 28, 1966. Mrs. Holley was one of the pioneers in the library field in South Carolina. She served as Aiken County librarian for many years before she retired in 1952.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Fort Mill Library was the recipient recently of a gift of \$50.00 to be used for a Book-of-the-Month Club subscription. The gift was made by K. Godfrey Nims in memory of his mother, Mrs. Kenneth F. Nims.

Work on the new Orangeburg County Free Library, expected to be ready for occupancy in May, was slowed down by bad weather. The middle of June is now the date of completion. The building was authorized in a referendum more than two years ago.

The Salem Library conducted a reading contest during January to help entertain children and stimulate the reading during the bad weather. Mrs. Gene Edney is librarian of the branch of the Oconee County Library.

The new bookmobile of the Calhoun County Library was welcomed by its patrons. Boy Scouts helped unload the old one and transfer the books to the new ones.

Mrs. Edgar Moore, Aiken County librarian, spoke to the Welcome Wagon, a newcomers organization, on "Seeing Aiken in Books."

Murray Garber has given Laurens County Library 543 books. This collection includes standard adult fiction, biographies, histories, and religious books.

Girl Scout Troup 132 of North Augusta has donated a collection of juvenile books to the Nancy Carson Library, a branch of the ABBE Regional Library.

Bill Craig has been elected president of the Friends of the Hartsville Memorial Library.

A picture of the first three Hartsville Library Commissioners: A.L.M. Wiggins, John Wilmeth, and Colin Segars was presented to the library by R. B. White on behalf of Mrs. A.L.M. Wiggins. The picture is an enlargement of one made thirty years ago.

Patricia Mercer, Librarian, Lancaster County Library, spoke on the needs of the library to the Lancaster Rotary Club.

The Richland County Public Library received a Class A special award of merit from the National Federation of Music Clubs for outstanding participation in National Music Week, 1965. Mrs. Richard Wilson, Reference Librarian, prepared a special display of books and records with the caption, "Music Hath Charms . . ."

Martha McCabe, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen S. McCabe of the Greenwood City and County Library, was recently made principal of Leslie School, Greenwood. One of her first acts was to arrange for a library room.

Liberty Woman's Club is conducting a campaign for funds for furnishings and fixtures of the Sarlin Library, a branch of the Pickens County Library.

The Loris Garden Club voted 100 per cent in favor of a motion supporting the construction of a building to house the Loris Branch of the Horry County Library.

The Lexington County Library Building Fund Drive has \$35,000 as its goal. Leamon Ralson is Batesburg chairman and Paul Craven is serving in that capacity in Leesville. The building site was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barr. Senior Girl Scout Troup 2-34 presented a check for \$100 to the building fund.

A series of programs, "What Makes a Book Live?", Evenings With Famous Authors," continues to have excellent attendance and arouse great enthusiasm at the Charleston County Library. The March 7 program will be on Marcel Proust presented by Dr. Henry Miller, Jr.

A committee has been appointed to select a site and make plans for a replacement for the Dart Hall Branch of the Charleston County Library. Estimated costs are \$90,000 for the building; \$20,000 furniture and equipment; and site and other expenses \$25,000.

The Calvin Crozier Chapter, UDC, presented two books to the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library. They are: "Stories and Oft Told Tales of the Confederacy" by Hannah Hemphill Coleman and "John C. Calhoun, the Man" by Harriet Hefner Cook.

Lamar Caldwell has been elected chairman of the Hartsville Memorial Library Board. He replaces Mrs. Keith Flowers, who remains on the board. The Rev. J. Calvin Chesnutt has been appointed to the board to replace Mrs. Edward Saleeby, whose term expired this year.

Miss Sara Edwards and Miss Edith Campbell recently joined the staff of the Darlington Public Library.

The Darlington Public Library is cooperating with the Office of Economic Opportunity by training three applicants for library work. The trainees work Monday through Thursday in the library and attend special O. E. O. classes on Friday.

Under a similar program, the In-School Program, Carolina Community Actions, Inc. Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Fort Mill Library has a part-time assistant, a high school student. She works in the library three afternoons a week and on Saturday.

EXCHANGE COLUMN

(Back Issues of Magazines Wanted - Available)

The State Library Board offers the following issues of the ALA Bulletin on a first request basis: They will be discarded on April 20. 1962: January, February, March, November; 1963: January, February, April, May, June, September, December; 1964: January, March, September, October, December; 1965: January, February, May, July, August.

NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS

Elizabeth Borten de Trevino, author of the biographical novel, I, Juan de Pareja, and Nonny Hogrogian, illustrator of Always Room for One More, have been named winners of the American Library Association Newbery and Caldecott awards for the most distinguished children's books published in 1965.

The Newbery and Caldecott medals will be presented at the Newbery-Caldecott dinner scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, at the annual conference of the American Library Association to be held in New York City.

The John Newbery medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children," went to Mrs. Trevino, an American citizen and resident of Mexico. I, Juan de Pareja, published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, is a vivid recreation of an era and of historical characters. Spanning 37 years in which the artist Velasquez was court painter to Philip IV of Spain, the story emerges from the point of view of the painter's intelligent, gentle, and devoted Negro slave who mixed his colors and prepared his canvases and who later also became a renowned artist.

The Randolph J. Caldecott medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book," went to Miss Hogrogian, a book designer and illustrator. She is a native New Yorker of Armenian extraction. Her art education began at Hunter College and was continued at the New School for Social Research. Always Room for One More, published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston and written by Sorche Nic Leodhas, is a spirited traditional verse about a Scot who can always find room for one more guest in his home.

Runners-up for the Newbery medal were: Lloyd Alexander, The Black Cauldron (Holt, Rinehart & Winston); Randall Jarrell, The Animal Family (Pantheon); Mary Stolz, The Noonday Friends (Harper & Row).

Runners-up for the Caldecott medal were: Roger Duvoisin, Hide and Seek Fog, by Alvin Tresselt (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard); Marie Hall Ets, Just Me (Viking Press); Evaline Ness, Tom Tit Tot (Charles Scribner's Sons).

CARNIVAL OF BOOKS, MAY, JUNE, 1966

The Carnival of Books programs are still those taped in London at the BBC. Authors to be interviewed in May and June and their books are:

Pauline Clarke. The Return of the Twelves. Coward, \$3.75.

Dorothy Clewes. Guide Dog. Coward, \$3.75.

Barbara Willard. Storm from the West. Harcourt, \$3.25.

Nina Bawden. Three on the Run. Lippincott, \$3.75.

Hester Burton. Castor's Away. World, \$3.50.

Mary Norton. The Borrowers Aloft. Harcourt.

Brian Wildsmith, illus. The North Wind and the Sun. Watts, \$3.95.

Madeleine A. Pollard. Mission to Cathay. Doubleday, \$3.50.

Kathleen Peyton. Sea Fever. World, \$3.50.

Carnival of Books, sponsored by the State Library Board, is heard over WIS, Columbia (Sunday 1:45 - 3:00 P.M.); WCSC, Charleston (Saturday 10:15 - 10:30 A.M.); WSPA, Spartanburg (Saturday 1:15 - 1:30 P.M.); WJMX, Florence (Saturday 10:45 - 11:00 A.M.); WELP, Easley (Tuesday 6:30 - 6:45 P.M.).

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Will you tell me where those State Library Board experts were when our county library chose a site for our community library "on the shores of Bushy Bull Creek in Skunk Hollow"? And where were the elect when the plans were drawn for this little architectural gem? All kidding aside, I think our county library board was due some advice on this building project and should have gotten it. If the State Library Board had been generous enough to give our board some help, they could have saved the legs and temper of the entire community. As it is, only the strong in leg and deeply determined can get to the library at all. . . . Sure you could park your car if you had one to drive over there, but for your information 43 per cent of our people don't have a car at all and the other 57 per cent lose the daily battle for the family chariot 99 per cent of the time.

Stranded

Dear Stranded:

Couldn't agree with you more heartily! Your county library board and your county librarian got the State Library Board's advice on both site and plans, but that doesn't mean they accepted it! The librarian said they were going to build a "lot of branches" and the best way to learn how to plan them was to learn by experience! Your branch building is a \$50,000 first lesson—pretty expensive education even in these wheeling and dealing times! As for the site, it was donated by a generous taxpayer tired of paying taxes on a piece of property he couldn't sell. The board felt it was politic to accept it even though it meant sinking their building funds in a building which would be more convenient for bull frogs and cooters than for readers. Take heart! At least your board maintained its right to make its own decisions and in so doing has provided you and the other members of your community with the opportunity for plenty of exercise in the open air.

Anne

Dear Readers:

Do you have no comment on the problem posed by "Disturbed" in the March issue of News for Public Libraries. The question was if it were neither necessary nor proper to approach an employer before offering a staff member a position.

Please write!

Anne

APRIL PUBLICITY POINTER

Are you creating a feeling with your local news media that your library welcomes their inquiries into all facets of its operation? An atmosphere indicating freedom of access to all information, especially financial information, is essential to the development of a sound program of public information and public relations.

USE LTR REPORTS

Librarians are reminded that the State Library Board subscribes to Library Technology Reports, a service to provide evaluations of library equipment and supplies. These evaluations are available upon request to South Carolina libraries.

Since salesmen from non-library supply houses are visiting libraries with supplies which are not only more expensive but have not been tested for library use, the Library Technology Reports become increasingly valuable.

SYMPATHY TO

H. DeWitt Plyler on the death of his brother. Mr. Plyler is chairman of the Lancaster County Library Board.

Mrs. Ben L. Strozier, Jr., of the Rock Hill Public Library staff, on the death of her father.

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Does your library get full benefit from the many public relations opportunities that come its way? Some libraries are content to receive routine news release coverage for their programs, while other libraries try to go a step further and get feature story coverage as well.

A case in point is the Anderson County Library. Mrs. Sarah Smith, librarian at Anderson, doesn't just settle for simple news coverage on library events. She works with her newspaper to add interesting items of local interest to stock news releases and to get feature stories and pictures when the event is important enough.

For instance, last January when the Anderson Library decided to publicize information about its 1966 Summer Intern Program, Mrs. Smith arranged an interview with a former S. C. summer intern, Miss Annie Katherine Warner. After her internship, Miss Warner accepted a South Carolina State Library Board graduate scholarship and later joined the staff of the Anderson County Library. The information on the '66 Intern Program was combined with a story about Miss Warner and an informal picture of her at work. The resulting article was interesting to read as well as informative and attracted more attention and response than just a simple news release would have.

Moral: Publicity is your way of telling the community about library programs. Make sure your library gets full public relations value from every publicity release by working with your local newspaper to obtain maximum coverage for each library event, program or activity.

This monthly feature is designed to show you an outstanding example of publicity or public relations done by a South Carolina public library, and to tell you how it came about.

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